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Subject: RE: Bristol Bay Transition Briefing Paper

Folks

Since it came up in the review of the briefing paper, I wanted to flag for folks that since the Corps' permit denial there continue to be very clear and public calls from a long list of stakeholders for EPA to use its 404c authority on Pebble. As an example, the StopPebbleMineNow.org website says the following at its website <https://stoppebbleminenow.org/the-solution/>. Also, please scroll to the bottom of this page to see the extensive list of stakeholders who have signed on to this request.

“The EPA Must Immediately Veto Pebble Mine

Now is the time for the Environmental Protection Agency to use section 404c of the Clean Water Act to veto the Pebble Mine. No other approach can create the immediate safety net for those who depend on Bristol Bay.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Environmental Protection Agency have concluded that Pebble Mine will damage Bristol Bay forever – yet they have allowed the project to continue. The EPA must start its veto process immediately.”

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Hi Palmer-

Just want to let you know that I completed my review and added a few edits.

Patty

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Matt:

I have been asked by my management to prepare a "one-pager" on Pebble for them by Tuesday 2/2. I started with the file you shared but had to dramatically edit it down. I'm currently at 1.5 pages.

I would appreciate any input this team has by NLT COB Monday 2/1. Please put any edits you have in redline in the attached onedrive file.

Thanks, Palmer

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Subject: Bristol Bay Transition Briefing Paper

Hi everyone,

Cami had a follow up conversation with Dan after our meeting yesterday and Dan's recommendation is that we work on preparing a transition briefing paper. Dan also spoke with David Hobbie as we suggested (see my comment near the end of the briefing paper for that information).

I've added some of the more recent information (like the state's appeal) to the version on SharePoint [here](#) and would appreciate if the team could review and comment by the end of the day Wednesday, February 3. The idea is we would have a mostly final version to share with the career leaders at the next meeting on February 10. At the end, there is a solutions/recommendations section that would likely be a good topic to discuss in more detail with the career leaders at that meeting.

Again, there is more detail than probably necessary, but I figured it was easier to cut things – so please don't hold back on editing. I hope this is a good start. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

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